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To: Planning Director Kim Wenger
From: Councilman Lawrence Orlowski
Date: February 10, 2009
Re: The Great Northern Multi Modal Transportation Plan (GNMMTP)

After reviewing Deliverable #1 of the GNMMTP study and attending the open meeting of January 21, 2009, I am curious as to why the study and Mr. Rerko have referred to Country Club Blvd. as a city street rather than a major or principal arterial or a collector route. Country Club Blvd. is a divided four-lane concrete street, with sidewalks and a wide center median separating traffic, very similar to Brookpark Road. (I refer only to the study area of Country Club Blvd.) The County Club Condos were built as apartments and later sold under a condo conversion program. On the south side of Country Club Blvd. are two-story garden type apartment buildings. At Victoria Lane is a high-rise apartment building. On the north side of the apartment high-rise is our massive Great Northern shopping district with the strip center and Westfield Mall. East of the Victoria Apartments are two hotels and the Science-Technology Office Park buildings. Country Club Blvd. is a direct connector route from Lorain Road to the mall, I-480 and Great Northern Boulevard. It should be used as a relief route to move traffic from I-480 and Great Northern Blvd. to other destinations on Lorain Road and in the city. It should be used to relieve and remove traffic from Butternut Ridge Road and the Historic District. Yet, County Club Blvd. was not rated as a primary (I-480) road, secondary (Lorain Road and Great Northern Blvd.) road or a tertiary (Brookpark Road, Columbia Road, Butternut Ridge Road) road within the study area. What are the traffic volumes on Country Club Blvd. at Lorain Road and Victoria Lane? If Butternut Ridge Road is part of this study, then the re-surfacing of the current street entails developing a workable bike path. Reducing the speed limit on Butternut Ridge Road to 25 mph should aid a useable bike path.

Thank you for your response to my concerns!

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